



**Safety Committee Minutes
Monday, October 17, 2016**

Call to Order:

Acting Chair Kathy Rhoads called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chief Burson and the Police Department performed swear in ceremony for our newest patrolman, Joshua Thompson. The Committee paused the meeting at 7:12 p.m. to congratulate Officer Thompson. The Committee resumed the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Kathy Rhoads and Brad Demiter

Absent: Chair Leslie Miller

Approval of Minutes:

Brad Demiter made a motion to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2016, and the motion was seconded by Kathy Rhoads. Kathy Rhoads votes aye and Brad Demiter abstained. The minutes were approved as written.

Privilege of the Floor:

Mayor Carter expressed appreciation for the Police Department's participation in the V3 event last Friday.

Chief's Report:

Chief Burson reported that all of the Seville Police Department Officers have served the community professionally and have all returned home safely. All the officers have completed 8 hour block training which was conducted by the Ohio Attorney General. Officers also attended a work shop sponsored by Prosecutor Dean Holman concerning changes to Ohio's drug laws. Officer Banks is scheduled for his Data Master training on November 1st, certifying him to be able to conduct OVI breath tests.

The new radios have been installed by Cleveland Communications. The owner of Cleveland Communications, Alan Close, came to the training session and had a working lunch with them. Chief Burson is very pleased with the equipment. All though the transition has not been seamless, Chief Burson is very pleased with the responses to the issues. The radios are county wide for just the officers.

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Chief's Report (continued):

Chief Burson announced the newest Officer Thompson started October 1st and is very pleased with how things are working. Chief Burson introduced Taylor Deal and his wife. Mr. Deal applied for the past open position and even though he was not selected he has expressed interest in becoming an auxiliary officer with the Seville Police Department. Kathy Rhoads made a motion to authorize Chief Burson to bring Mr. Deal into the department as a new auxiliary officer. Motion was seconded by Brad Demiter. Aye votes all.

A variety of stuffed animals have been cleaned and individually wrapped and donated. The stuffed animals will be kept in the squad cars for traumatized children or children at scenes.

Chief Burson shared a letter complimenting Officer Fockler. The letter is attached.

New Business:

None.

Pending/Completed Legislation

2016-42 - Ordinance related to contracts with the highest and best bidder on the internet for the sale of Village property no longer needed - a 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix. Second reading was on October 11th. Mrs. Rhoads shared there will be a special Council meeting on Monday, October 24th to pass a small list of ordinances.

2016-55 - Ordinance for the 2016 Model Ohio Municipal Code published by the American Legal Publishing Corp. The first reading was October 11th.

Old Business:

The Budget for 2017 is still in progress.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brad Demiter and was seconded by Kathy Rhoads. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Leslie Miller
Safety Committee Chair

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Dear Officer Fockler,

My husband and I arrived at the Subway Restaurant in Seville, Ohio, after a long drive on July 23, 2016. We were tired, hungry and grouchy. When we left, we were not. Why the change?

YOU and YOUR COMPANION

We had just sat down with our dinner when the two of you entered the all but empty restaurant. I observed and assessed you both, and in my humble opinion, this did not seem like a "standard" police interaction. There were no sirens, no flashing lights, and no handcuffs. "Mr. X" was not in "trouble with the law", but as I would soon see, "the law", as embodied in you, was going to **trouble for** him.

I cranked up my hearing aids so I could do my very best eavesdropping, and this is what I gathered. Now being a policeman, I bet you are saying..."The facts ma'am, just the facts". The truth is, I cannot give you the facts, and, in this case, they are not important, they do not matter. What matters is the gist of this story which makes it heartwarming.

It seems as if Mr. X was having health difficulties. Between the illness and the effects of his medication, he was having trouble making decisions and was confused. He had wandered away from home, and that home was about 100 miles from Seville, Ohio. He was hungry as he had not eaten for 24 hours.

You steered him to the counter, and when the server asked how you were, you replied that you were having a great day as you had found a new friend, Mr. X, as you gave him a reassuring pat on the back. Your demeanor was relaxed, friendly and thoughtful. You encouraged him to order whatever looked good, and then to have a seat. He sat down next to us. When you brought his dinner to him, he stood up, looked at you, the workers, and us, and said, "Does anybody mind if I pray over the food?" He blessed the food. He thanked "those who grow the food right, and those who don't grow the food right." And he stated that he was thankful for the care he was receiving at the moment.

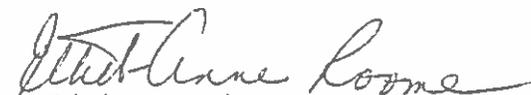
While the two of you ate dinner you engaged him in friendly conversation: Where had he grown up, gone to school, been in the service...and repeatedly offered to get him another cookie. And most

importantly, assured him you were going to get him back home tonight, even though it was a long drive to get there. He was greatly relieved.

Meanwhile my husband and I were preparing to leave, and that is when you noticed my credit card which I had left at the register; you handed it to me. If I had had my wits about me, I would have used it to buy your dinners; I did not. I was trying hard to come up with the most powerful words to tell you **BOTH** how happy I was to have "eavesdropped on your lives" that evening. I hoped you heard the gist of what I was trying to convey...and I prayed you would each get home safely that night.

"Thank you for your service" seems trite...and yet...I truly am thanking you for your service...and for reminding us there is more to being a police officer than lights and sirens and guns...and for warming our hearts!

Peace to all,


Ethel-Anne and Ian Roome



Cc: Police Chief Don Burson Seville Ohio